(b) Funds are sanctioned after approval of feasibility report.

Use of Petrol for Product Manufacture

735. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a move in the world towards using petrol for manufacture of value added products only instead of using it as a fuel and if so, what is Government's policy in this direction ;

(b) whether it is a fact that this would reduce pollution and depletion of ozone and would also give a boost to non-conventional sources of energy, such as use of alcohol in petrol ;

(c) whether use of alcohol in petrol will also result in better value added returns for the by products such as molasses apart from reduction of pollution ; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the existence of powerful lobbies working ceaselessly against use of alcohal in petrol and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) While some petroleum products are being used for the production of the value added petro-chemial products, a large portion of petroleum products continue to be used as a fuel for transport, industries, in agriculture and in house-holds. In our country also the use of petroleum products in these applications would continue. However, some of the Petroleum and gas streams such as C2/C3 from gas, propylene and Butylenes from Catalytic cracker, LPG and Naphtha are increasingly being used for the production of value added petro-chemical products.

(b) In view of (a) above, no perceptible change is expected.

(c) while the production of alcohol from Molasses results in better value addition to this by-products, a techno-economic feasibility study on the blending of methanol and ethanol with petrol for use as fuel in automobiles has established that alcohols should basically be used for producing value added chemicals.

(d) No, Sir.

736. [*Transferred to the 22nd March*, 1990]

Government Policy on AIDS Patients

737. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govenrment have not been able to evolve any clear cut policies pertaining to AIDS patients according to Voluntary Health Association of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Indian doctors are following U.S. doctors in this respect as reported in the Indian Express of 17th February, 1990; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY) : (a) Government had drawn up guidelines for clinical management of HIV infected presons and AIDS cases. These guidelines are being updated to cover montrary and embalming procedures. Ten medical colleges including All India Institute of Medical Sciences have been identified in different States where the AIDS Units are being established. Three

day reorientation training of Doctors and Nurses were organised in 13 Medical Colleges all over the country for clinical management of HIV infected persons and AIDS cases.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Production of Price Controlled Drugs

738. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the rising prices of medicines;

(b) whether it is a fact that drug companies have threatened to slow down investment in basic drugs whose prices are controlled; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to increase investment and production of price-controlled drugs?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICLAS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government has already decided to review the policy measures of 1986. A Standing Committee has also been constituted to review matters concerning Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

Video Films on Health Issues

739. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of video films have been made by his Ministry on various health issues and if so, what are the titles of these films indicating the names of the agencies which produced these films;

(b) whether these films have been dubbed in the main languages of the country;

(c) what has been the total expenditure incurred so far on these films;

(d) whether these films have been shown on national or local TV programmes, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether these films would be regularly screened on Railway Platforms also through the internal TV circuits for educating the masses?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY) : (a) Yes, Sir. List of films and names of the production agencies is given in Statement.

(b) Some of the T. V. spots of shorter versions have been dubbed in main regional languages. States are being encouraged to dub these in the regional languages.

(c) An amount of Rs. 18.15 lakhs approximately has been incurred so far on production of these films. Besides, Rs. 4,52,265.00 have been spent on duplication.

(d) Yes, Sir. T. V. Spots are being regularly telecast over National network and Low Power Transmitter, at 9.00 P.M. and 7.30 P.M. on Doordarshan. Longer films are also being shown on Doordarshan. Instructional films have been sent to training and field units for showing in villages etc.

(e) The Railways have agreed to show our films on close circuit TV of all railways stations free of charge. Accordingly selected films are sent to the Railways for being shown in railway stations as well as for screening in railway colonies.